

House Bill 927

By: Representative Williams of the 178th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions regarding dogs, so as to provide for a misdemeanor for
3 removing certain collars from dogs; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 **SECTION 1.**

6 Article 1 of Chapter 8 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
7 general provisions regarding dogs, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as
8 follows:

9 "4-8-8.

10 (a) For the purposes of this article, the term 'collar' means any electronic or radio
11 transmitting collar that has the purpose of tracking the location of a dog.

12 (b) Any person removing a collar from a dog without permission from the dog's owner
13 and with the intent to prevent or hinder the owner from locating such dog shall be guilty
14 of a misdemeanor and, in the case of such dog being lost or killed as a result of the
15 violator's removal of such collar, shall be required to pay the dog's owner restitution in the
16 amount of the actual value of the dog."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.